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Schweiker Pushes New JFK Probe

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WASHINGTON — Sen. Richard Schweiker, R-Pa., says the Senate should direct the Select Committee on Intelligence Activities, on which he serves, to reopen the investigation into the 1963 assassination of President John F. Kennedy.

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Alarmed by the attempt on the life of President Ford, Schweiker plans to introduce in the Senate tomorrow a resolution formally reopening the Kennedy assassination and assigning the task to the intelligence panel, chaired by Sen. Frank Church, D-Idaho.

The Church Committee has been investigating the possible role of the CIA or other U. S. intelligence agencies in foreign assassination plots, particularly attempts on the life of Cuban Premier Fidel Castro. The committee this month will make public its report on foreign assassination.

SCHWEIKER, A member of the Church Committee, believes attempts to kill Castro may have provided a motive of retaliation for the shooting of President Kennedy. He said the anti-Castro plots apparently were unknown to the Warren Commission at the time it investigated the assassination.

Two and a half months before Kennedy was killed, Schweiker points out, Castro was reported by an Associated Press correspondent to have said in an interview that American leaders "will not be safe" if they aid attempts on the lives of Cuban leaders.

As early as last July, Schweiker was suggesting that "a spin-off of the intelligence investigation should be the reopening of the Kennedy assassination probe."

The Church committee in fact has already begun to look into the admitted destruction by the FBI of a note Lee Harvey Oswald delivered to the FBI threatening one of its Dallas agents days before Kennedy was shot. The Warren Commission judged Oswald to be Kennedy's lone assassin.

BUT CHURCH said Friday a reopening of the Kennedy assassination investigation is not warranted at this time.

If further evidence is developed by the panel to change that judgment, Church said, he would favor a separate investigation be made of the Kennedy shooting by another committee.

Two other resolutions calling for the reinvestigation of Kennedy's assassination have been stalled for months in the House Rules Committee.

House Democratic Caucus Chairman Phillip Burton of California, has said he will oppose efforts to reopen the investigation unless they have the approval of Sen. Edward M. Kennedy, D-Mass., the slain president's brother.

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